

Wisconsin Works (W-2) Critical Indicators



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Bureau of Workforce Information
Division of Workforce Solutions
Department of Workforce Development



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin W-2 Participants in Paid Placements*

Number of Participants in Paid Placements					
	One Year Ago	Last Month	This Month	Change in Most Recent Two Months	
Paid Participants:	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Number	Percent
Milwaukee County	7,827	5,481	5,400	-81	-1.5%
Balance of State	2,289	2,021	1,949	-72	-3.7%
Statewide Caseload	10,116	7,502	7,349	-153	-2.1%
Milwaukee County Regions:	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Number	Percent
Milwaukee NE YWCA	1,116	694	620	-74	-11.9%
Milwaukee SE UMOS	956	887	1,013	126	12.4%
Region 3	1,657	0	0	0	0.0%
Milwaukee Central UMOS	1,297	1,326	1,320	-6	-0.5%
Milwaukee NW MAXIMUS	1,506	1,461	1,403	-58	-4.1%
Milwaukee SW MAXIMUS	1,290	1,112	1,038	-74	-7.1%
Milwaukee County Total*:	7,827	5,481	5,400	-81	-1.5%

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development.

* Milwaukee County total includes a small number of cases served by Milwaukee County Department of Social Services.

Note: The paid caseload includes the following categories of placements:

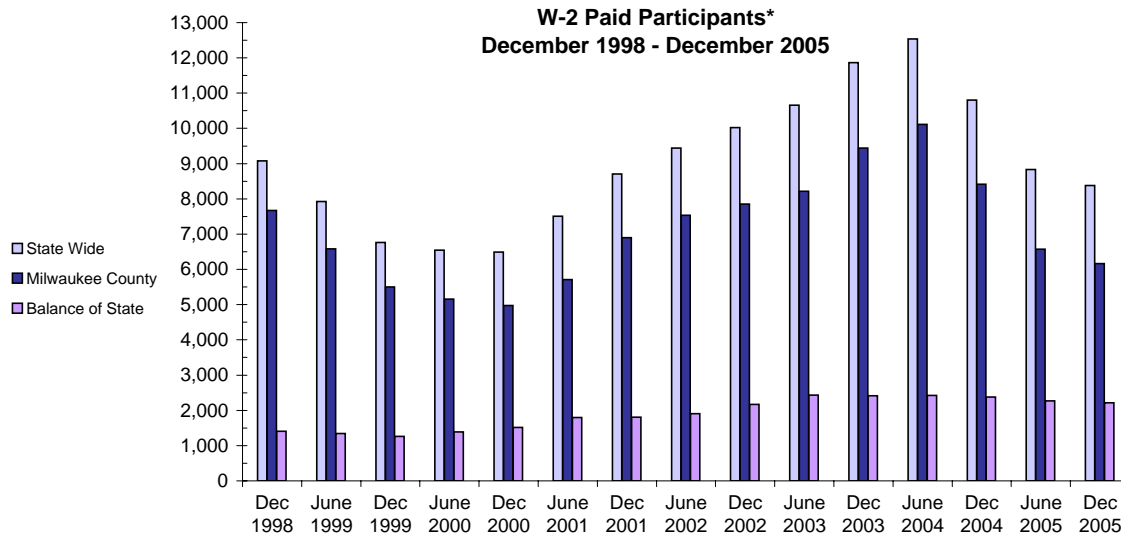
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Case Mgmt- Caretaker of Newborn (C)..... A custodial parent of a child who is 12 weeks old or less and who meets the financial and non-financial eligibility requirements for W-2 employment positions.

W-2 Paid Participants and Benefits Paid

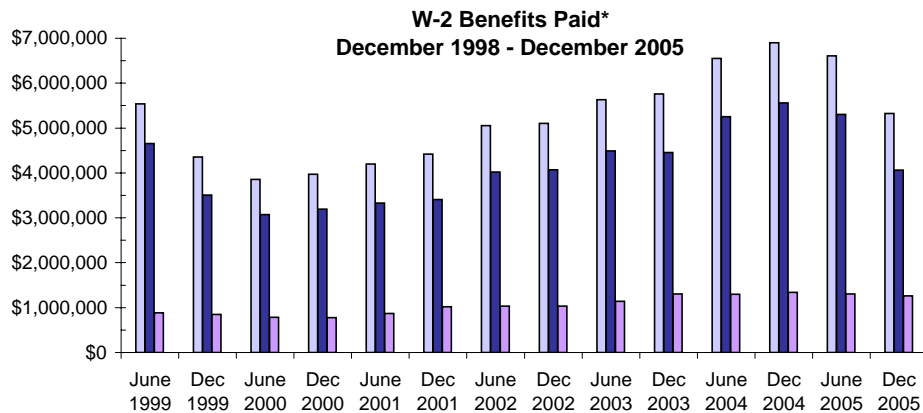


W-2 Paid Participants - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	5,760	5,816	5,692	5,565	5,481	5,400
Balance of State	2,121	2,134	2,103	2,025	2,021	1,949
Statewide	7,881	7,950	7,795	7,590	7,502	7,349

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development

*Note: The paid participants included in this count are participants who were in a paid placement during the report month.



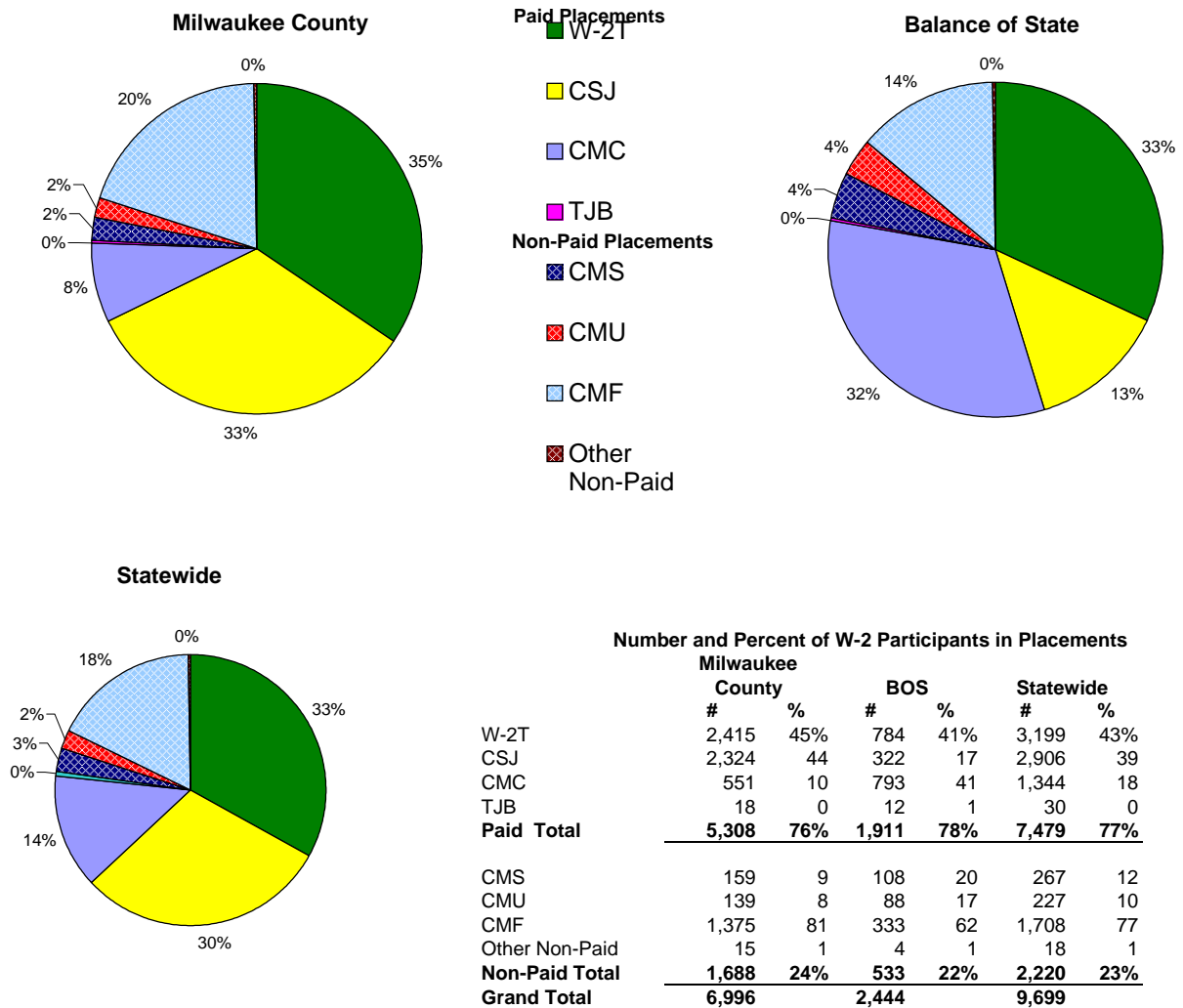
W-2 Benefits Paid - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	\$ 3,382,723	\$ 3,242,828	\$ 3,266,441	\$ 3,219,294	\$ 3,244,531	\$ 3,262,089
Balance of State	1,219,162	1,159,289	1,164,661	1,173,072	1,130,288	1,106,703
Statewide	\$4,601,885	\$4,402,117	\$4,431,102	\$4,392,366	\$4,374,819	\$4,368,792

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development

*Note: The benefits paid are the total monthly net benefits after sanctions and recoupments are applied.

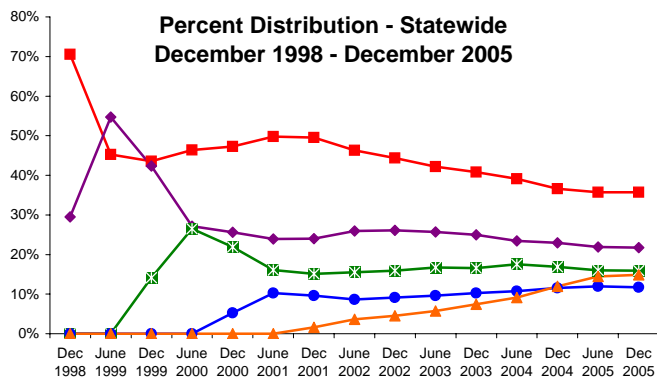
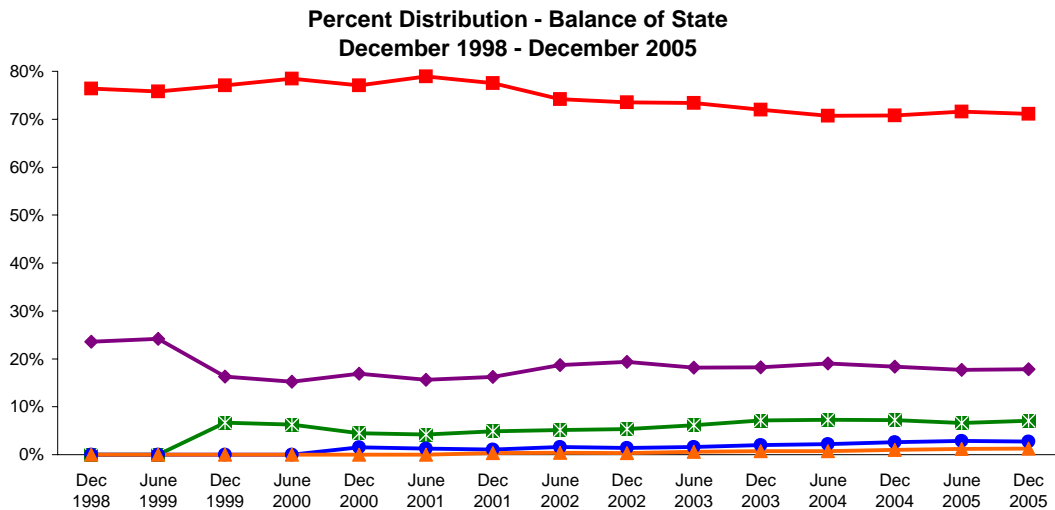
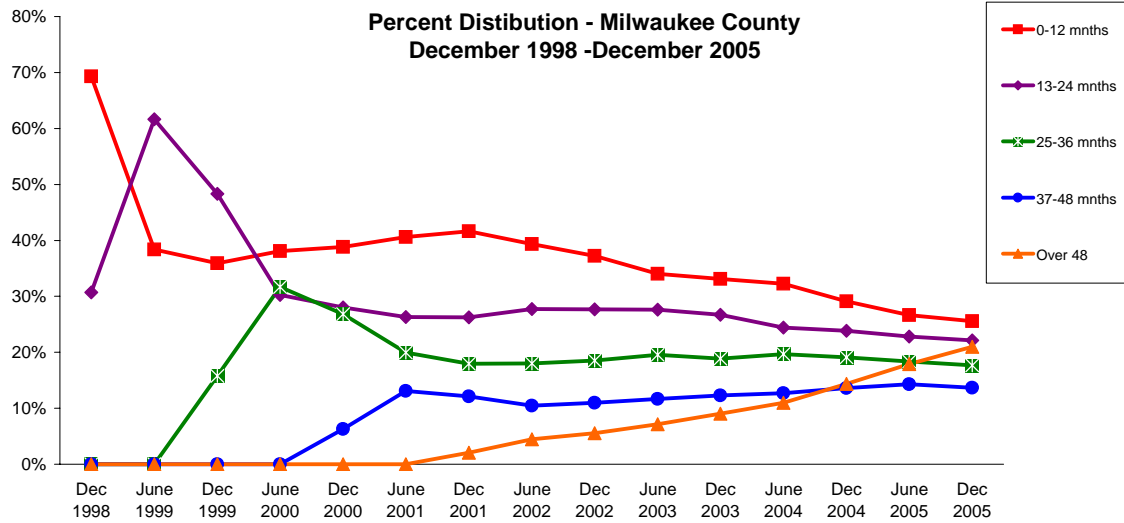
Placement of W-2 Participants, February 2006



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- Case Mgmt - Caretaker of a Newborn (CMC)..... A custodial parent of a child who is 12 weeks old or less and who meets the financial and non-financial eligibility requirements for W-2 employment positions.
- Case Mgmt - Pregnancy (CMP)..... A participant with a medically verified pregnancy.
- Case Mgmt - Service for Job Ready (CMS)..... Used for case management services for unemployed individuals who have been assessed as having the capability of obtaining immediate full-time employment.
- Case Mgmt Follow-up (CMF)..... Used for case management services for participants who have moved up the W-2 ladder to unsubsidized employment.
- Case Mgmt - Service for Working (CMU)..... Used for individuals working in unsubsidized employment who are without barriers to full-time employment.
- Case Mgmt - Non-Custodial Parent (CMN)..... Used for case management services for non-custodial parents.
- Case Mgmt - Minor Parent (CMM)..... Used for case management services for a custodial minor parent.

Number of Months Served in W-2*



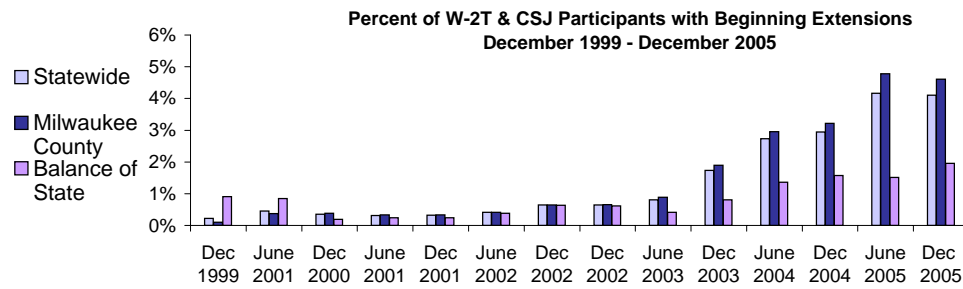
		Number of Months Served in W-2 - Most Recent Six Months					
		Months	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
Milwaukee County	0-12		2285	2311	2275	2202	2142
	13-24		1919	1872	1783	1635	1508
	25-36		1586	1523	1435	1321	1196
	37-48		1227	1169	1124	1081	985
	Over 48		1667	1656	1589	1532	1458
Balance of State	0-12		1999	2008	1924	1807	1791
	13-24		567	591	614	617	587
	25-36		210	204	203	196	190
	37-48		80	83	88	88	88
	Over 48		41	39	46	49	44
Statewide	0-12		4020	4046	3942	3747	3685
	13-24		2431	2416	2356	2224	2056
	25-36		1812	1743	1649	1525	1396
	37-48		1309	1258	1221	1172	1077
	Over 48		1733	1713	1648	1595	1516

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development.

*Note: Length of stay is determined for the W-2 participants in the report month by the number of total months a participant has been in W-2 since the beginning of the program.

*Note: Participants may be counted more than once if their geographic location changes from Milwaukee to Balance of State or vice versa.

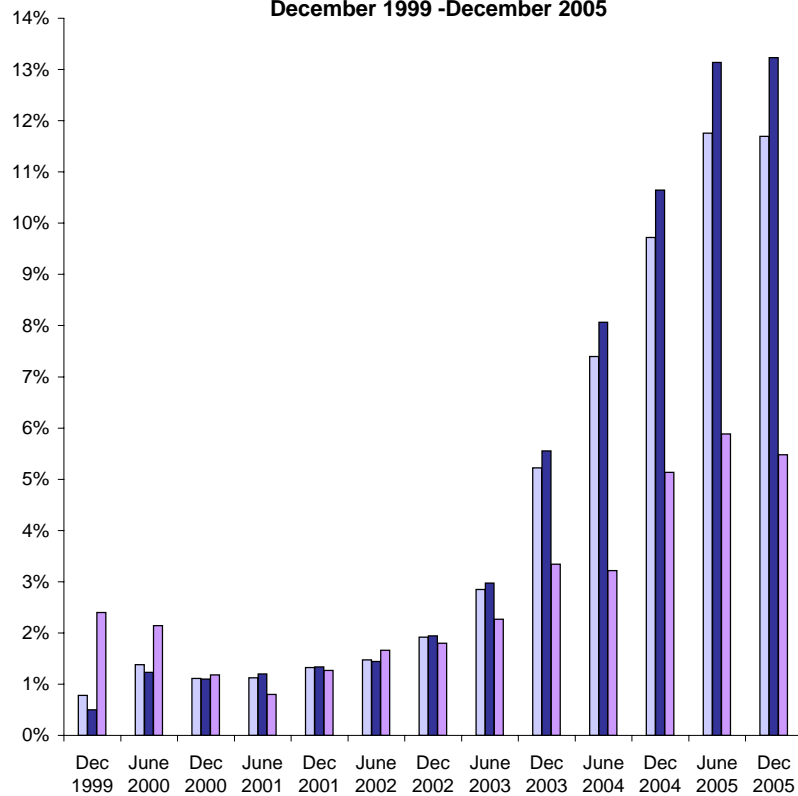
Extensions Granted for 24 Month Clocks*



Number of Beginning Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	233	244	244	178	191	211
Balance of State	31	19	24	20	22	33
Statewide	264	263	268	198	213	244

Percent of W-2T & CSJ Participants with Ongoing Extensions December 1999 - December 2005



Number of Ongoing Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	568	559	579	571	541	534
Balance of State	73	72	72	85	76	88
Statewide	641	631	651	656	617	622

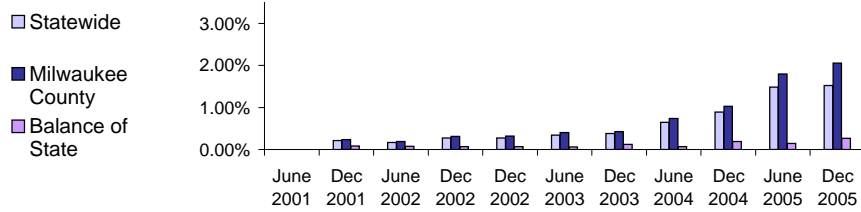
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*Note: Extensions can be granted after 24 months of participation in a W-2T or CSJ placement. Extensions are granted when the participant is nearing the 24th month of their placement clock and they qualify for extended eligibility by meeting specific required criteria.

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Extensions Granted for 60 Month Clocks*

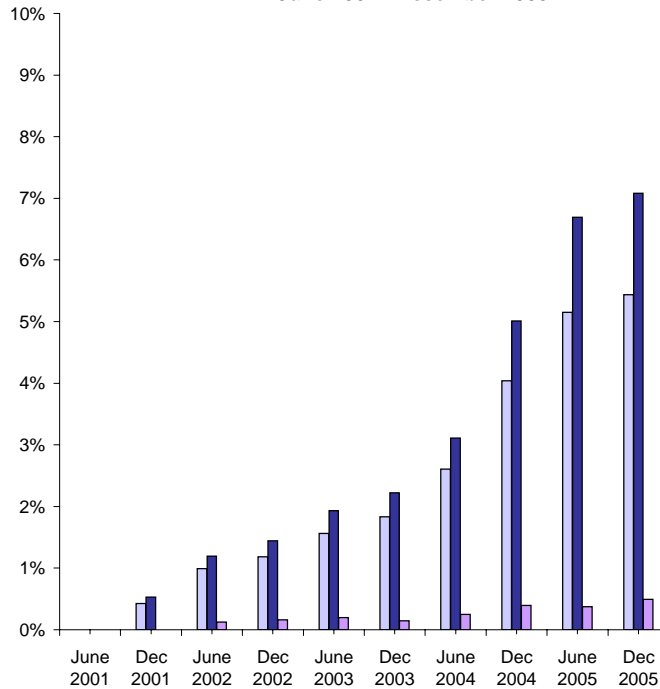
**Percent of Participants with Beginning Extensions
June 2001 - December 2005**



Number of Beginning Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	97	87	91	100	84	108
Balance of State	2	6	2	0	3	2
Statewide	99	93	93	100	87	110

**Percent of Participants with Ongoing Extensions
June 2001 - December 2005**



Number of Ongoing Extensions - Most Recent Six Months

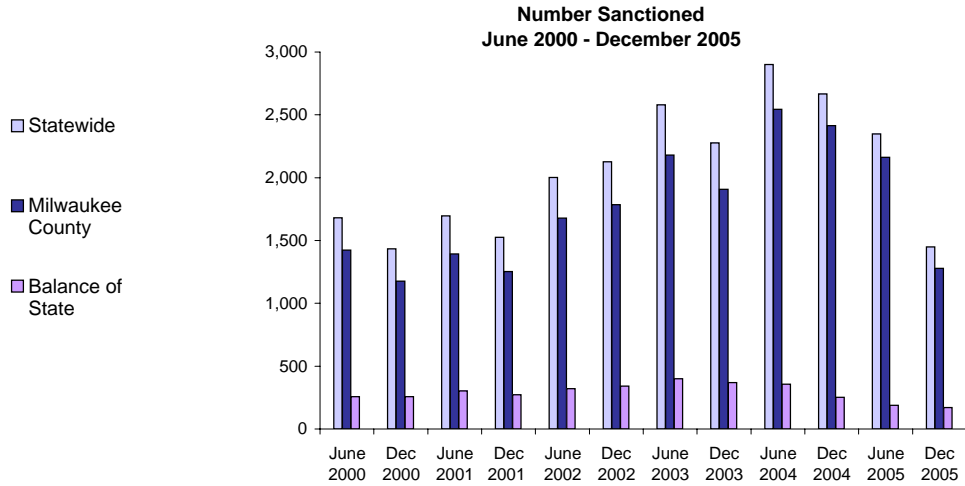
	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	404	410	394	408	416	429
Balance of State	9	10	11	12	13	12
Statewide	413	420	405	420	429	441

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development.

*Note: Extensions can be granted after 60 months of lifetime participation. Extensions are granted when the participant is nearing the 60th month of their lifetime clock and they qualify for extended eligibility by meeting specific required criteria. The 60 month extensions first became relevant as of September 2001.

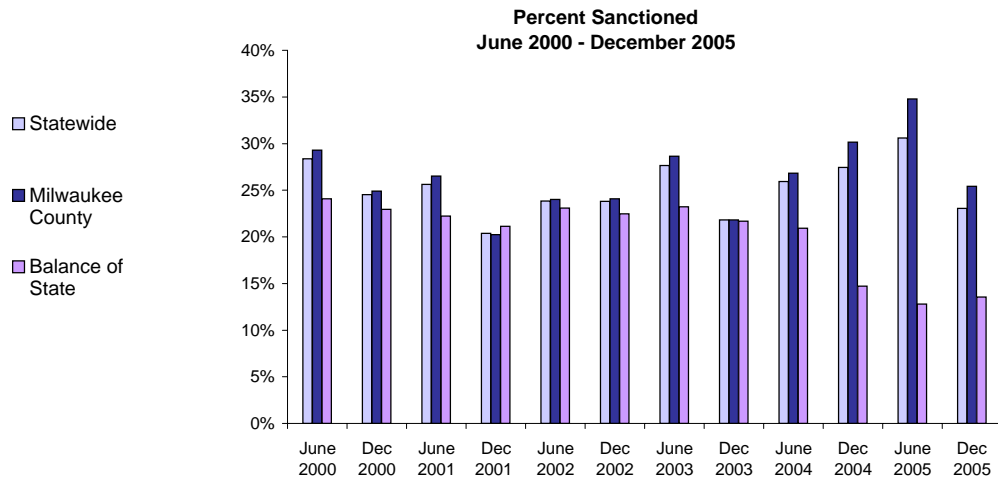
*Note: Participants may be counted more than once if the participant's extension lasts longer than six months. Ongoing Extensions are an end of the month count.

W-2T and CSJ Participants Who Were Sanctioned*



Number Sanctioned - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	1,621	1,520	1,521	1,279	1,064	1,253
Balance of State	164	151	164	170	128	126
Statewide	1,785	1,671	1,685	1,449	1,192	1,379



Percent Sanctioned - Most Recent Six Months

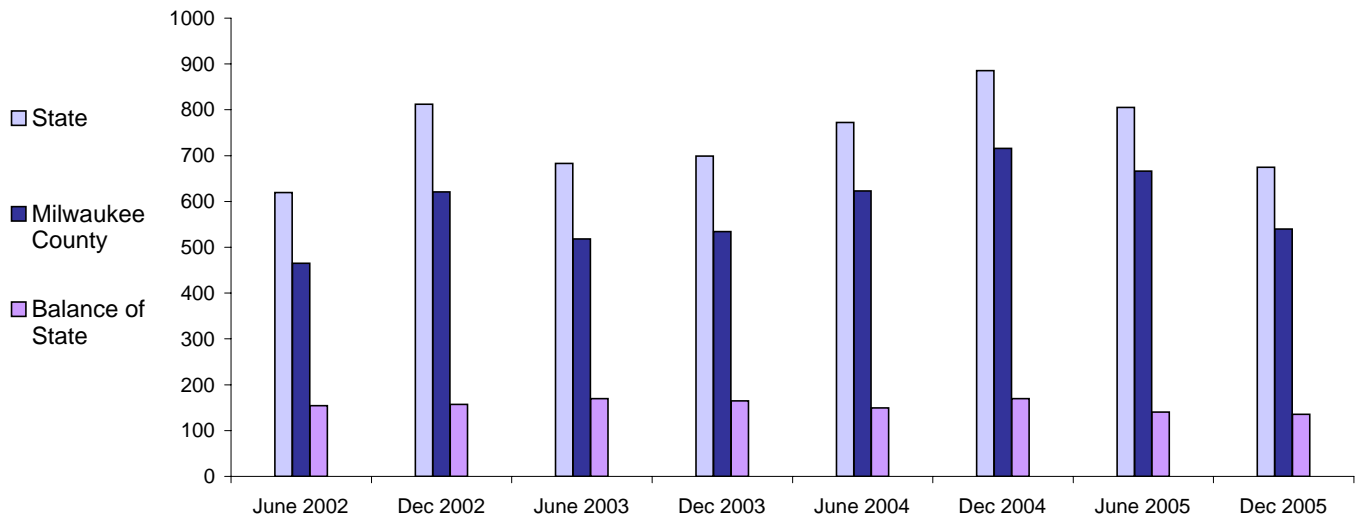
	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	30%	29%	29%	25%	22%	26%
Balance of State	12	11	12	14	11	10
Statewide	26%	25%	26%	23%	20%	23%

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development.

* Note: Because sanction counts prior to September 1999 were counted differently they are not included in these graphs. The graphs on this page report information on the sanctionable population (W-2T and CSJ placements only). The data represented here are point in time during a month.

W-2 Participants Entered Employment

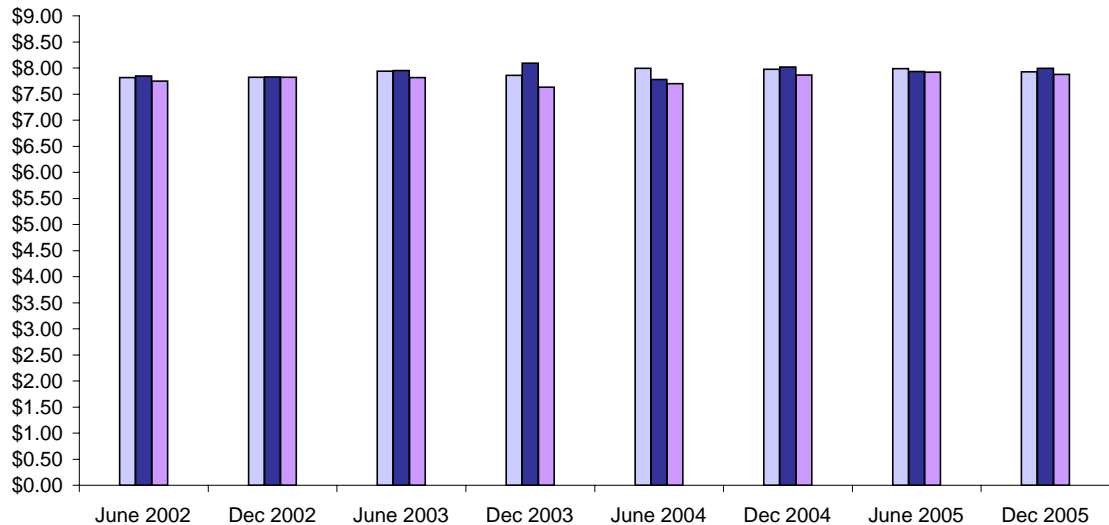
Average Number Entered Employment*
June 2002-December 2005



Total Number Entered Employment - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	669	566	465	291	196	176
Balance of State	144	152	109	89	88	64
Statewide	813	718	574	380	284	240

Average Hourly Wage*
June 2002 - December 2005



Average Hourly Wage - Most Recent Six Months

	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Milwaukee County	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.01	\$ 7.84	\$ 8.07	\$ 7.96
Balance of State	\$ 7.85	\$ 7.84	\$ 7.83	\$ 8.06	\$ 7.97	\$ 8.55
Statewide	\$ 7.91	\$ 7.93	\$ 7.95	\$ 7.95	\$ 7.96	\$ 8.14

Source: CARES, Bureau of Workforce Information, Division of Workforce Solutions, Department of Workforce Development.

* Note: Entered Employment is a W-2 program performance measure counted when a participant obtains or increases wages in a new job. Entered Employment for less than 30 days are excluded. Wage data are for jobs with hourly wages.